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1. MUCH APPRECIATE AMBASSADORS DE MARCHE ON SECURITY TO GAJA.

2. WE ARE PROCEEDING TO IMPROVE OUR SECURITY TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.
FOLLOWING STEPS TAKEN:

A. AFTER NOV. 7 MEETING WITH PREFECT, HE ASSIGNED GUARD TO TRADE
CENTER DURING HOURS REQUESTED BY TC DIRECTOR ON INTERIM BASIS
PENDING FURTHER MEASURES.

B. PREFECT HAS OFFERED PERMIT TC AND USIS TIE IN DIRECTLY TO MILAN
POLICE OPERATIONS CENTER ALARM SYSTEM, EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS WE CAN
INSTALL SENSORS AND MAKE HOOK-UP.

C. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS DESIGNATED LIAISON MAN TO
WORK WITH POLICE TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY U.S. PROPERTY TARGETS AND TO
COORDINATE POLICE PROTECTION.

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D. WE ARE DISCUSSING ALARM SYSTEMS FOR BOTH AMERICAN FIRMS AND

CONSULATE INSTALLATIONS WITH US AND ITALIAN COMMERCIAL SECURITY SERVICES.

3. DURING EXTENDED MEETING WITH QUESTORE MASSAGRANDE NOV. 13 WE EXAMINED ENTIRE CONSULATE SECURITY SITUATION AND VISITED IMPRESSIVE POLICE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTER. MASSAGRANDE CONFIRMED PREFECTS STATEMENT THAT FLEET OF RADIO DESPATCHED POLICE CARS BEING TRIPLED THIS MONTH AND SHOWED US FINAL STAGES OF INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTRONIC ALARM CENTER EQUIPMENT. PRESENTLY LIMITED TO MAJOR BANKS, BIG JEWELERS, A FEW SPECIAL TARGETS AND ISRAELI CONSULATE (WHICH VIRTUALLY FORTIFIED). MASSAGRANDE URGED PROMPT CONNECTION USIS AND TC WARNING THAT HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO ASSIGN FIXED ARMED GUARD TO THESE SITES.

4. MASSAGRANDE ALSO MADE ENERGETIC AND PERSISTENT RECOMMENDATION THAT, TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICES BE HOUSED IN SINGLE LOCATION - PREFERABLY IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WHERE POLICE COVER MOST DENSE - RATHER THAN AT PRESENT THREE WIDELY SEPARATED SITES. THIS, HE INSISTED, WAS WISEST LONG RANGE MEANS TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY OF USG PROPERTY.

5. WE ARE ALSO IMPRESSED WITH ENERGETIC AND COOPERATIVE PREFECT PETRICCIONE WHO HAS DONE MORE THAN PROMISED AND ALMOST INSTANTLY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY HAVING A CONSTRUCTIVE IMPACT UPON ENTIRE POLICE APPARATUS (INCLUDING DRUG CONTROL). ASSIGNMENT OF ADDED RADIO PATROL CARS FROM ROME APPARENTLY ALL HIS DOING AND CONSTITUTES A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT.

6. I MENTION THIS IN HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR MAY FIND OPPORTUNITY PUT IN GOOD WORD FOR PETRICCIONE WITH MINISTER TO HELP HIM GET FURTHER FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL AID FROM GOVERNMENT IN ROME.FINA

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